

CONFERENCE AGENDA

AT A GLANCE

Wednesday May 14	Thursday May 15	Friday May 16
8:30 Registration Begins	8:00 Registration Begins	8:00 Registration Begins
	9:00-10:30 Plenary	8:30-10:00 2 Large Sessions
	10:30-10:45 Break	10:00-10:15 Break
10:30-12:00 Plenary	10:45-11:45 1 DN Ethics Session 1 DR Panel	10:15-11:45 4 Concurrent Sessions
12:00-1:30 Lunch on your own	11:45-1:15 Lunch on Your Own	11:45-12:00 Break
1:30-3:00 3 Concurrent Sessions	1:15-2:30 5 Concurrent Sessions	12:00-1:00 1 DR Ethics Session 3 Concurrent Sessions
3:00-3:15 Break	2:30-2:45 Break	
3:15-4:30 4 Concurrent Sessions	2:45-4:00 5 Concurrent Sessions	
	4:00-4:15 Break	
	4:15-5:30 4 Concurrent Sessions	

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

8:30: Registration Opens

10:30AM –12:00 PM

Plenary: Promoting Meaningful Connections: The Importance of Quality Parent-Child Visitation

An in-depth look at the social importance of visitation to the child, parent, and other family members.

Speaker: Nickie Galloway, LCSW, Social Work Project Coordinator, Court Improvement Program

Room: Salon D

CLE: 1.5 DN, 1.5 DR

12:00 PM-1:30 PM: Lunch on your own

1:30 PM-3:00 PM

Dependency-Neglect (DN) Caselaw Update

An overview of the most recent case law in dependency neglect practice.

Speakers: Suzanne Ritter Lumpkin, Attorney, Arkansas Public Defender Commission, Tabitha McNulty, Attorney, Arkansas Department of Human Services, Keith Chrsetman, Attorney Ad Litem

Room: Salon D

CLE: 1.5 DN

Education Outcomes for Foster Youth

A look at a recent study of foster youth and their educational outcomes as compared to non-foster care youth with special attention to educational stability, grade level performance and permanency measures.

Speakers: Connie Tanner, Director of Juvenile Division, AOC and Dr. Diane Robinson, Researcher, Court Improvement Program

Room: Palisades

CLE: 1.5 DN

Interpreter Services

An overview of interpretation services offered by the courts.

Speakers: Mara Simmons, AOC Court Interpreter Services Director and Cheryl Thomas, AOC Staff Interpreter

Room: Salon A

CLE: 1.5 DN, 1.5 DR

3:00 PM-3:15 PM: Break (refreshments provided)

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3:15 PM-4:30 PM

Dual Jurisdiction: When Delinquency & Dependency Neglect Collide

Discussion on the intersection of dependency neglect cases and delinquency cases.

Speaker: Scott Tanner, Juvenile Ombudsman, Arkansas Public Defender Commission, Lynn Kell, Division of Behavioral Health Services, and Jo Thompson, Division of Children and Family Services

Room: Salon B

CLE: 1.25 DN

Trauma and the Brain: Understanding Risk for Mental Health Problems Among Victims of Early Life Trauma

A look at the affects trauma has on the brain, specifically in adolescents.

Speaker: Dr. Josh Cisler, Assistant Professor in the Psychiatric Research Institute at UAMS

Room: Palisades

CLE: 1.25 DN

Parenting Plans

Discussion on the importance of effective parenting plans and how to develop them.

Speaker: Hadley Hindmarsh, Attorney

Room: Salon C

CLE: 1.25 DN, 1.25 DR

Bone Fractures in Child Abuse and Neglect

A look at the identification of abuse and neglect-caused fractures in children.

Speaker: Dr. Karen Farst, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at UAMS, Arkansas Children's Hospital

Room: Salon A

CLE: 1.25 DN

4:30

Dependency-Neglect Attorney Ad Litem Meeting

Room: Salon D

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THURSDAY, MAY 15

8:00: Registration Opens

9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Plenary: Immigration Issues for Children and Families in Arkansas Courts

In-depth look at immigration issues including immigrant parents with U.S. citizen children, immigration terms, issues for immigration children, and resources available.

Speaker: Kris Jackson, Senior Staff Attorney, Public Counsel Law Center

Room: Salon D

CLE: 1.5 DN, 1.5 DR

10:30 AM-10:45 AM: Break (refreshments provided)

10:45 AM-11:45 AM

Dependency-Neglect (DN) Ethics Panel

Attorneys will facilitate discussions on various ethical scenarios that practitioners in DN courts might encounter.

Speakers: Jo Carson, Attorney Ad Litem, Jerald Sharum, Attorney, Department of Human Services, and Paul Post, Parent Counsel

Room: Salons A,B,C

CLE: 1 DN

Joint Custody Panel

Judges review emerging issues in joint custody hearings.

Speakers: Judge Ralph Wilson, Jr., Second Judicial Circuit, Judge Vann Smith, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Win Wilson, Attorney Ad Litem, Andrew Bailey, Attorney Ad Litem

Room: Palisades

CLE: 1 DR

11:45 AM-1:15 PM: Lunch on your own

Judge's Meeting (lunch provided): Riverside East

Parent Counsel Meeting (lunch provided): Riverside West

1:15 PM-2:30 PM

Immigration Issues for Attorney Ad Litem

A look at issues regarding immigrant families and the challenges some AALs may face.

Speaker: Kris Jackson, Senior Staff Attorney, Public Counsel Law Center

Room: Salon D

CLE: 1.25 DN

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

An overview of the cause of FASD and the various affects it can have on the lives of those affected by FASD.

Speaker: Carol Rangel, FASD Project Director at Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services

Room: Salon B

CLE: 1.25 DN, 1.25 DR

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THURSDAY, MAY 15

1:15 PM-2:30 PM (cont.)

Evaluating Skin Injuries in Child Abuse Cases

An overview of the identification of injuries related to abuse and neglect, how children may disclose the abuse, and how to properly document injuries.

Speaker: Dr. Rachel Clingenpeel, Center for Children at Risk, Arkansas Children's Hospital, UAMS

Room: Palisades

CLE: 1.25 DN

Improving Outcomes

A look at research regarding permanency outcomes for foster youth and recommendations for policy change.

Speaker: Dr. Diane Robinson, Researcher, Court Improvement Program

Room: Salon C

CLE: 1.25 DN

Panel Discussion on the Affordable Care Act

Overview of how the Affordable Care Act may affect families in DN and DR cases.

Speakers: Dave Mills, Program Manager, Medicaid Eligibility Unit, Carla Droughn, Policy Development Coordinator, Division of County Operations, and Rich Rosen, Attorney Supervisor, Office of Policy and Legal Services

Room: Salon A

CLE: 1.25 DN, 1.25 DR

2:30 PM-2:45 PM: Break (refreshments provided)

2:45 PM-4:00 PM

Our Work with Trauma: Restoring Ourselves While Reaching Out to Others

Looking at the affects working with those who have experienced trauma has on professionals.

Speaker: Dr. Teresa Kramer, Chief Psychologist and Professor, Department of Psychiatry, UAMS

Room: Salon D

CLE: 1.25 DN, 1.25 DR

The Neurology of Addiction

An overview of the neurological affects of substance abuse.

Speaker: Dr. Kim Light, Professor, UAMS

Room: Salon B

CLE: 1.25 DN, 1.25 DR

Changes in Behavioral Health Services

An overview of recent changes in behavioral health services provided in the state.

Speakers: Joy Figarsky, LCSW, Director, Division of Behavioral Health Services and Paula Stone, LCSW, Assistant Director, Division of Behavioral Health Services

Room: Salon B

CLE: 1.25 DN, 1.25 DR

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THURSDAY, MAY 15

2:45 PM-4:00 PM (cont.)

Psychological Evaluations: Case Studies on Parental Fitness

An overview of interpreting psychological evaluations.

Speaker: Dr. Eugene Lee, Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Arkansas School of Law

Room: Palisades

CLE: 1.25 DN, 1.25 DR

Immigration Issues for Parent Counsel

A look at issues regarding immigrant families and the challenges some Parent Counsel may face.

Speaker: Kris Jackson, Senior Staff Attorney, Public Counsel Law Center

Room: Salon C

CLE: 1.25 DN

4:00 PM-4:15 PM: Break (refreshments provided)

4:15 PM-5:30 PM

Judge's Panel: Baby Girl Case

A discussion regarding a recent case involving an American Indian child and the implications of ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act).

Speakers: Judge Mark Hewett, Twelfth Judicial Circuit Judge Vann Smith, Sixth Judicial Circuit and Connie Tanner, Director of Juvenile Division, AOC

Room: Salon D

CLE: 1.25 DN, 1.25 DR

Domestic Relations (DR) Caselaw Update

An overview of the most recent case law in domestic relations practice.

Speaker: Andrew Ballard, Attorney Ad Litem

Room: Salon B

CLE: 1.25 DR

Interviewing Child Clients

A discussion of best practices when interviewing child clients.

Speaker: Hadley Hindmarsh, Attorney

Room: Salon C

CLE: 1.25 DN, 1.25 DR

Update from Department of Human Services

An update from the Director on programs, news and policies.

Speaker: Cecile Blucker, Director, Division of Children and Family Services

Room: Salon A

CLE: 1.25 DN

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FRIDAY, MAY 16

8:00 AM: Registration Opens

8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Working with Disabled Parents

An overview of best practices when working with parents with cognitive disabilities.

Speaker: Dana McClain, CEO, DKM Consulting and Training, Inc.

Room: Salon D

CLE: 1.5 DN, 1.5 DR

Youth and Parent Panel

Panel of youth and parent involved in the foster care system talk about their experiences.

Speakers: YES (Youth Engagement Specialist) Team: Sharonda Crews, Alehondra Ruiz, and Jasmine Roberts, Stacey & Greg Kelly, Parents, Julian Holloway, Family and Youth Engagement Court Coordinator, Court Improvement Program

Room: Salon B

CLE: 1.5 DN, 1.5 DR

10:00 AM-10:15 AM: Break (refreshments provided)

10:15 AM-11:45 AM

Understanding Psychiatric Evaluations and Reports

An overview of what goes into a psychiatric evaluation and how to interpret the report.

Speaker: Dr. Irving Kuo, Acting Chief of Mental Health Services, Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System

Room: Salon B

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Promoting Meaningful Connections: The Importance of Quality Parent-Child Visitation (Repeat from Wednesday)

An in-depth look at the social importance of visitation to the child, parent, and other family members.

Speaker: Nickie Galloway, LCSW, Social Work Project Coordinator, Court Improvement Program

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Substance Abuse and the Child Welfare System

An overview of substance abuse and how it can affect family dynamics and the impact of families in the child welfare system.

Speaker: Gary Rhodes, MS, LADAC, MidSOUTH Addictions Training Network

Room: Salon C

CLE: 1.5 DN

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10:15 AM-11:45 AM (cont.)**DSM in a Nutshell (With a Crosswalk to DSM5)**

An overview of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) and updates from the 5th version (DSM-5).

Speaker: Dr. Eugene Lee, Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Arkansas School of Law

Room: Salon A

CLE: 1.5 DN, 1.5 DR

11:45 AM-12:00 PM

Break (refreshments provided)

12:00 PM-1:00 PM**Domestic Relations (DR) Ethics Panel**

Facilitators will lead participants through various ethical scenarios that practitioners in DR courts might encounter.

Speakers: Andrew Bailey, Attorney Ad Litem, Kris Cassat, Attorney Ad Litem, and Teresa Smith, Attorney Ad Litem

Room: Salon B

CLE: 1 DR

Cross-Cultural Issues in Child Abuse and Neglect

Discussion of the impact of cultural norms in child abuse and neglect cases and best practices for professionals.

Speakers: Dr. Rejoice Addae, Assistant Professor of Social Work at Arkansas State University and Dr. Patricia Walls, Associate Professor of Social Work, Arkansas State University

Room: Palisades

CLE: 1 DN

DNet for Parent Counsel

Instructional session for Parent Counsel on how to access and enter information into DNet.

Speaker: Dr. Diane Robinson, Researcher, Court Improvement Program

Room: Salon C

CLE: 1 DN